

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In combination:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to upstanding supports;

said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted therein;

all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;

a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;

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said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite sides;

said upper end of said messaging sign being positioned below said first upper tube of said one box truss section;

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said lower end of said messaging sign being positioned above said first lower tube of said one box truss section;

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said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side thereof.

2. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign comprises a Variable Messaging Sign.

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3. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign comprises a Digital Messaging Sign.

4. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign comprises a Variable Messaging Sign and a Digital Messaging Sign.

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5. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said messaging sign is selectively horizontally adjustably mounted on said one box truss section to enable said one box truss section to accommodate signs having varying depths.

6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 23 wherein sign supports are selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports; said sign supports being secured to said messaging sign.

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8. (Original) The combination of claim 7 wherein said sign supports are secured to said back side of said messaging sign.

9. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said one truss section has a walkway mounted therein which is positioned at said back side of said sign.

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10. (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said truss sections have a walkway provided therein.

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Currently Amended) In combination with a messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to upstanding supports;

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said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted thereon;

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all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and

1 second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second  
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members  
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;  
said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper  
5 tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss  
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss  
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss  
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;  
10 said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first  
lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third  
truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said  
front side thereof;  
said upper end of said messaging sign being positioned below said first upper tube of  
15 said one box truss section;  
said lower end of said messaging sign being positioned above said first lower tube of  
said one box truss section.

20 13. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign  
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign.

14. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign  
comprises a Digital Messaging Sign.

25 15. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign  
comprises a Variable Messaging Sign and a Digital Messaging Sign.

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16. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein the messaging sign is selectively horizontally adjustably mounted on said one box truss section to enable said one box truss section to accommodate signs having varying depths.

17. (Cancelled)

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18. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 25 wherein sign supports are selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports; said sign supports being secured to said messaging sign.

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19. (Original) The combination of claim 18 wherein said sign supports are secured to said back side of said messaging sign.

20. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said one truss section has a walkway mounted therein which is positioned at said back side of the sign.

21. (Original) The combination of claim 12 wherein said truss sections have a walkway provided therein.

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) In combination:

an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to upstanding supports;

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said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted therein;

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1 all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising  
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-  
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first  
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and  
5 second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second  
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members  
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;

said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper  
10 tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss  
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss  
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss  
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;

15 a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;

said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and  
opposite sides;

said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower  
tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss  
20 members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side  
thereof;

a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart first supports secured to and extending  
between said first and second upper tubes;

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1 and a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart second supports secured to and extending  
between said first and second lower tubes;  
said sign being selectively adjustably secured to said first and second supports.

24. (Previously Presented) In combination:  
5 an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to  
upstanding supports;  
said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one  
another in an end-to-end relationship;  
10 at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have a messaging sign mounted  
therein;  
all of said box truss sections, except the said one box truss section, comprising  
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-  
15 apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first  
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and  
second lower tube members, third truss members interconnecting said second  
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members  
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;  
20 said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper  
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss  
members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss  
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss  
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;  
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1 a messaging sign mounted in said one box truss section;

said messaging sign having a front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and  
opposite sides;

5 said messaging sign being positioned between said first upper tube, said first lower  
tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third truss  
members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said front side  
thereof;

10 said messaging sign having a majority of its depth, between said front and back side,  
positioned within said one truss section.

25. (Previously Presented) In combination with a messaging sign having a  
front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:  
an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to  
upstanding supports;

15 said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one  
another in an end-to-end relationship;

at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted  
thereon;

20 all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising  
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-  
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first  
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and  
25 second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second



1 upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members  
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;  
said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper  
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss  
5 members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss  
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss  
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;  
said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first  
10 lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third  
truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said  
front side thereof;  
a plurality of horizontally spaced-apart first supports secured to and extending  
between said first and second upper tubes;  
15 and a plurality of horizontally spaced second supports secured to and extending  
between said first and second lower tubes;  
said sign being selectively longitudinally adjustably secured to said first and second  
supports.

20 26. (Previously Presented) In combination with a messaging sign having a  
front side, a back side, an upper end, a lower end, and opposite ends, comprising:  
an elevated box truss extending over a roadway and having opposite ends secured to  
upstanding supports;

1       said box truss being comprised of a plurality of box truss sections secured to one  
another in an end-to-end relationship;  
at least one of said box truss sections adapted to have the messaging sign mounted  
thereon;  
5       all of said box truss sections, except said one box truss section, comprising  
horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper tubes and horizontally spaced-  
apart first and second lower tubes, first truss members interconnecting said first  
and second upper tubes, second truss members interconnecting said first and  
10       second lower tube members; third truss members interconnecting said second  
upper tube and said second lower tube, and fourth truss members  
interconnecting said first upper tube and said first lower tube;  
said one box truss section comprising horizontally spaced-apart first and second upper  
tubes, horizontally spaced-apart first and second lower tubes, first truss  
15       members interconnecting said first and second upper tubes, second truss  
members interconnecting said first and second lower tubes, and third truss  
members interconnecting said second upper tube and said second lower tube;  
said messaging sign adapted to be positioned between said first upper tube, said first  
20       lower tube, said first truss members, said second truss members, and said third  
truss members so that oncoming motorists may observe messages on said  
front side thereof;  
said messaging sign having a majority of its depth, between the front side and back  
25       side thereof, positioned within the said one box truss section.